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to the normal prostate sample indicating a likelihood
that the prostate carcinoma is aggressive.

1/ 2. (Amended) A method for determining the likelihood that a
prostate hyperplasia is a benign prostate hyperplasia
comprising:

- (a) obtaining an appropriate sample of the hyperplasia;
- (b) determining the amount of p27 RNA present in the sample;
and
- (c) comparing the amount so determined to the amount of p27
RNA present in a normal prostate sample, a decreased
amount of p27 RNA in the hyperplasia sample relative to
the normal prostate sample indicating a likelihood that
the hyperplasia is benign prostate hyperplasia.

2/ 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1/2, further comprising
determining and comparing the amounts of p27 protein expressed
in the hyperplasia sample and normal prostate sample, wherein
this additional step is performed either before or after
determining the amount of p27 RNA present in the hyperplasia
and normal prostate samples.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending and under examination in the subject
application. Applicants have hereinabove amended claims 1-3 merely
to introduce minor grammatical and format changes. Applicants
maintain that these amendments raise no issue of new matter, and
respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Upon entry of this
Amendment, claims 1-3 will still be pending and under examination.

In view of the arguments set forth below, applicants maintain that

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